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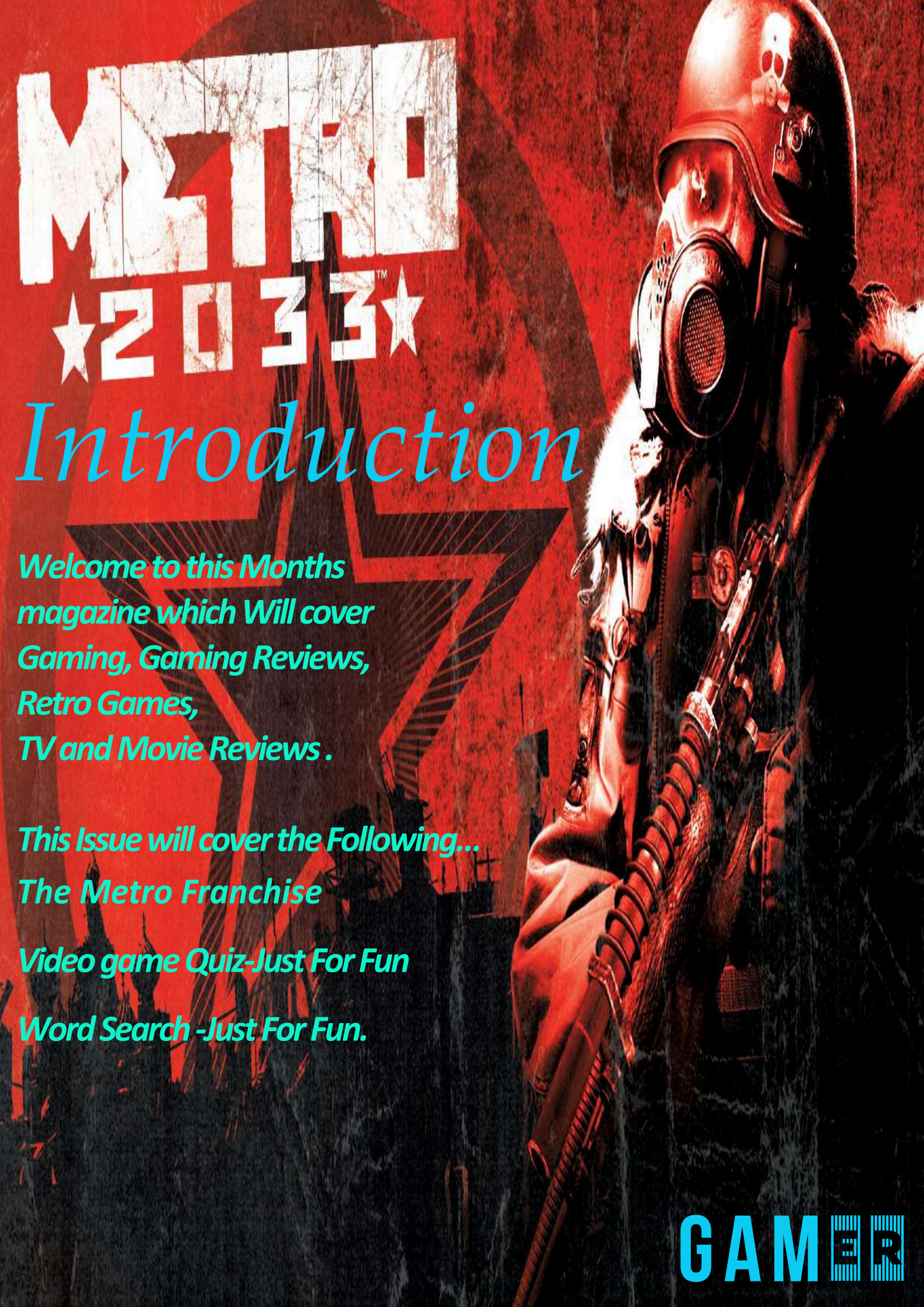

Introduction

Welcome to this Months magazine which Will cover Gaming, Gaming Reviews, Retro Games, TV and Movie Reviews .

This Issue will cover the Following...

The Metro Franchise

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METRO 2033

Metro 2033 is a 2010 first-person shooter survival horror video game developed by 4A Games and published by THQ.

The story is based on Dmitry Glukhovsky's novel of the same name, where survivors of a nuclear war have taken refuge in the Metro tunnels of Moscow.

underground and on the surface.

Players control Artyom, a man who must save his home station from the dangers lurking within the Metro.

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METRO 2033

In the game, players encounter human and mutant enemies, who can be killed with a variety of firearms.

Players must also wear a gas mask to explore areas covered in fallout radiation, both underground and on the surface.

Metro 2033 was the debut title for 4A Games, whose founders had experience working on S.T.A.L.K.E.R.: Shadow of Chernobyl.

4A Games focused their efforts on storytelling and atmosphere, intentionally avoiding any multiplayer game play to achieve their goal.

The game was powered by the studio's own proprietary 4A Engine.

The game was released in March 2010 for Microsoft Windows and Xbox 360.

The game had positive reviews, with praise for its horror elements, detailed environments, and interesting plot.

However, the game was also criticized for its bugs and artificial intelligence.

Metro 2033 was profitable for THQ, selling more than 1.5 million copies by June 2012.

Metro 2033 takes place in the city of Moscow, Russia 20 years after a global nuclear holocaust in 2013.

Moscow has become a wasteland filled with killer mutants and irradiated air and is uninhabitable for humans without protective gear.

The surviving population now lives in the Moscow Metro, which is described as a labyrinth of railways, tunnels, and bunkers.

Metro 2033 was the fifth best-selling retail game in the UK in its week of release, beaten by fellow new releases God of War III and Battlefield: Bad Company 2.

A sequel titled Metro: Last Light was released in 2013, with Deep Silver acquiring the publishing rights from THQ after their bankruptcy.

A remastered version titled Metro 2033 Redux was released in 2014 for Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4 and Xbox One.

The remastered version was also included as part of a compilation titled Metro Redux containing both Metro 2033 Redux and Metro: Last Light Redux.

A third installment, Metro Exodus, was released in 2019.

The Redux version received a much more positive reception from critics than the original releases .

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METRO LAST LIGHT

Metro: Last Light is a 2013 first-person shooter video game developed by 4A Games and published by Deep Silver.

A sequel to the video game Metro 2033 and the second installment in the Metro series, its story follows Artyom, a young soldier living in the Moscow Metro after a devastating nuclear war.

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Tasked with finding the mysterious Dark Ones, Artyom must venture to different parts of the metro system.

The surface is filled with radiated gases.

You will also fight against different factions and mutated monsters.

Metro Last Lite improves on mechanics of Metro 2033 and introduces elements such as weapon customization.

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Developed by a team of about 80 people, Last Light is a direct sequel to Metro 2033.

Franchise creator Dmitry Glukhovsky wrote the game's dialogue and main story outline.

Multiplayer modes were planned but were eventually scrapped in order to focus on single-player.

Metro: Last Light takes place in 2034, one year after the events of Metro 2033.

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A sequel to Metro 2033 written by Russian author Dmitry Glukhovsky.

Metro Last Light, is not related to the book Metro 2034. Instead, it serves as a direct sequel to Metro 2033 Video game.

Metro Last Light received positive reviews.

Metro Last Lite was released for Windows, Xbox One and PlayStation 4.

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METRO EXODUS

Exodus is a first-person shooter video game that was developed by 4A Games and published by Deep Silver.

It is the third installment in the Metro video game series, which is based on Dmitry Glukhovsky's novels.

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The game is a sequel to Metro: Last Light and the book Metro 2035.

protagonist Artyom and his crew as they flee the Moscow Metro and set off with their allies on an intercontinental journey to the Far East on a locomotive called Aurora.

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Unlike previous games in the series, Metro Exodus features large, open levels that can be freely explored by players.

Like earlier games in the series, Metro Exodus is a first-person shooter.

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Artyom must leave the tunnels of Moscow and travel across the post-apocalyptic wasteland of the former Russian Federation and Republic of Kazakhstan while fighting against mutated creatures and hostile humans.

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Artyom becomes disillusioned with the constant infighting and corruption within the Metro and leaves the Spartan Order.

He becomes obsessed with proving other humans outside of Moscow have survived and makes numerous dangerous expeditions to the surface.

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Spartan Order.

The Rangers of the "SPARTA" Order are a military order in post-apocalyptic Russia, operating in both the ruins of the Moscow Metro and Lake Baikal.

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The Spartan Order are a group of elite battle hardened soldiers, they roam the wasteland, consisting of the most skilled and deadliest warriors in the whole Metro.

The Rangers “Spartan Order” move individually or in small units helping settlements, as well as fighting bandits and mutants alike while serving as protectors.

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Despite the game's increased scope, the developers avoided deploying a full open world in Exodus because they deemed it would negatively affect the game's storytelling.

The game received positive reviews.

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FALL IN LOVE WITH THE GRUMPIEST MAN IN AMERICA
TOM HANKS IS
A MAN CALLED OTTO
BASED ON THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER
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A Man Called Otto is a 2022 American comedy-drama film

directed by Marc Forster from a screenplay by David Magee.

Otto is a bitter old man reluctantly getting involved in the lives of his neighbors.

It stars Tom Hanks in the title role, with Mariana Treviño, Rachel Keller and Manuel Garcia-Rulfo in supporting roles.

It is a remake of the 2015 Swedish film A Man Called Ove,

which was based on the 2012 novel by Fredrik Backman.

Otto Anderson is a 63-year-old widower, living in a row house in suburban Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania. Six months after losing his wife Sonya, a schoolteacher.

Otto has becomes more cynical with the world and

Pushed into retirement from his job at a steel plant,

he cancels his utilities and plans to kill himself, to join his late wife,

but the universe has other plans for Otto.

Otto Is a Heart Warming movie that shows a mans journey through loss and grief of losing his wife.

but the universe has other plans for Otto.

This is a Great Movie and definitely worth a watch.

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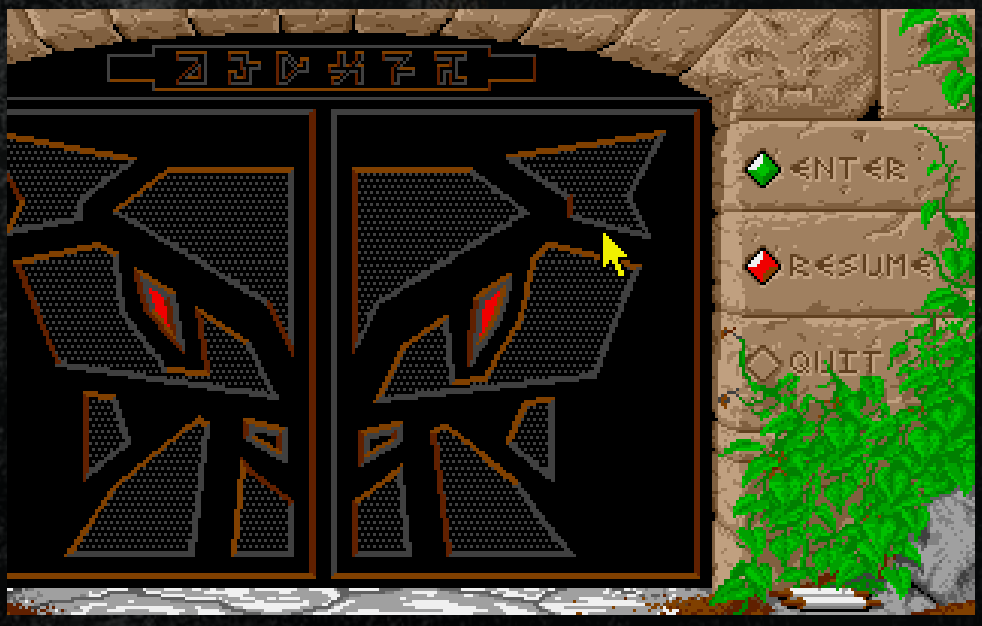
Dungeon Master is a role-playing video game in 3D first-person perspective.

It was developed and published by FTL Games for the Atari ST in 1987.

Amiga and PC (DOS) ports following in 1988 and 1992. Dungeon Master sold 40,000 copies in its year of release alone and went on to become the Atari ST's best-selling game of all time.

The game became the prototype for the genre of the 3D dungeon crawlers with notable clones like Eye of the Beholder.



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Dungeon Master added real-time combat elements to a dungeon crawler video game.

Which was not common at the time for traditional turn-based dungeon crawler video games.

This approach meant that Dungeon Master Stood out compared to other dungeon crawler video games. Dungeon Master Becoming A cult Classic and is considered to be the grandfather of dungeon crawler style video game.

Like Doom was for the first person shooter style of video games.

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While many previous games such as Alternate Reality: The Dungeon, The Bard's Tale, Ultima, and Wizardry offered Dungeons & Dragons-style role-playing.

Dungeon Master established several new standards for role-playing video games and first-person video games in general.

Dungeon Master debuted on 15 December 1987 on the Atari ST, and by early 1988 was a strong seller, becoming the best-selling game for the computer of all time.

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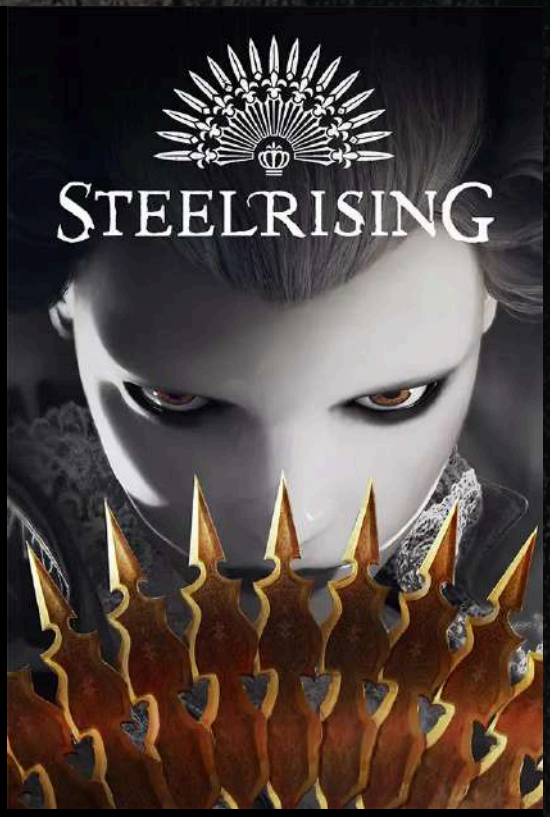

Steelrising is an action role-playing video game developed by Spiders and published by Nacon.

The game was released for Windows PC, PlayStation 5, and Xbox Series X and Series S in September 2022.

Steelrising is an action role-playing video game played from a third-person perspective.

As the player progresses in the game and defeat enemies, they will collect Anima Essence, which can be used to upgrade the player's weapons and skills.

The Vestal checkpoints also allow the player character to rest to replenish their health.

Players are encouraged to play aggressively in the game, as stamina refills entirely after a brief cool down.

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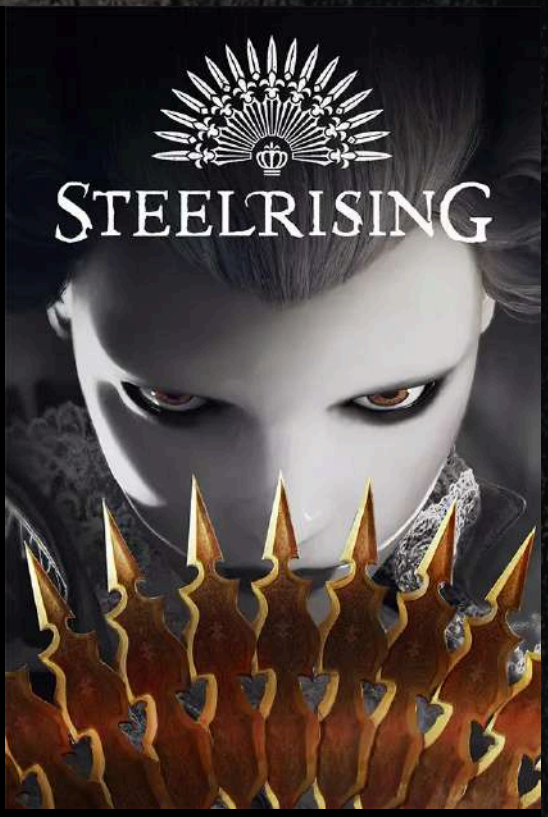
Steelrising is set In an alternate version of the French Revolution, King Louis XVI has created an army of clockwork automatons and rules Paris with fear.



Marie Antoinette implores her Automate bodyguard, Aegis, to leave and find her surviving children.

The game received "mixed or average" reviews.

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Foam Stars is 4v4 online party shooter for PlayStation 5 and PlayStation 4.

Well basically it's Splatoon But instead of paint you are fighting with foam.

Use foam to build terrain, creating slippery surfaces to surf around the arena at high speed, help defend from enemy attacks, or create vantage points to take out opponents.

So this is Sony and Square Enix answer to Splatoon which was released in 2015.

If you like splatoon then you will like this fun game.

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Rollerdrome is an action video game developed by Roll7 and published by Private Division.

The game was released on August 16, 2022, for Windows PC, PlayStation 4 and PlayStation 5. It also was released for Xbox Series X/S on November 28, 2023.

Players assume control of Kara Hassan, a participant in a deadly sport named Rollerdrome in which contestants must perform roller-skating tricks while fighting against enemies using firearms.

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GAMER *Game Review*

Players skate throughout various stages while dodging incoming attacks, and using a bullet time function to aim weaponry.

As players complete levels, they will gradually unlock more powerful weapons such as grenade launchers and shotguns, though they will have to face more challenging enemies as the game progresses.

Each stage also has optional challenges, which prompt players to perform feats such as eliminating enemies while performing tricks.

Rollerdrome released generally favorable reviews upon release.

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Rollerball is a 1975 dystopian science fiction sports film.

It stars James Caan, John Houseman, Maud Adams, John Beck, Moses Gunn and Ralph Richardson.

The screenplay, written by William Harrison, adapted his own short story "Roller Ball Murder".

James Caan`s character`s popularity and longevity as a player threaten the underlying agenda of Rollerball to demonstrate the futility of individualism.

Rollerball is a Classic Cult Movie set in a very dark world of corporate Greed and corruption.

Speedball and its sequel Speedball 2 video games Brutal Deluxe are said to have been heavily inspired by Rollerball.

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SPEEDBALL

Speedball is a 1988 video game based on a violent futuristic cyberpunk sport that draws on elements of handball and ice hockey, and rewards violent play as well as goals.

Speedball was released in November 1988 for the Amiga and Atari ST and later ported to MS-DOS, Commodore 64, and the Master System.

The game is played by two teams on an enclosed court with a goal at each end, similar to that of ice hockey or five-a-side football.

The court contains fixed bounce domes that modify the trajectory and speed of the ball, as well as one hole in the middle at each side where upon entering the ball will appear at the opposite side, keeping its momentum.

Speedball received positive reviews and was praised for its graphics and long-lasting gameplay.

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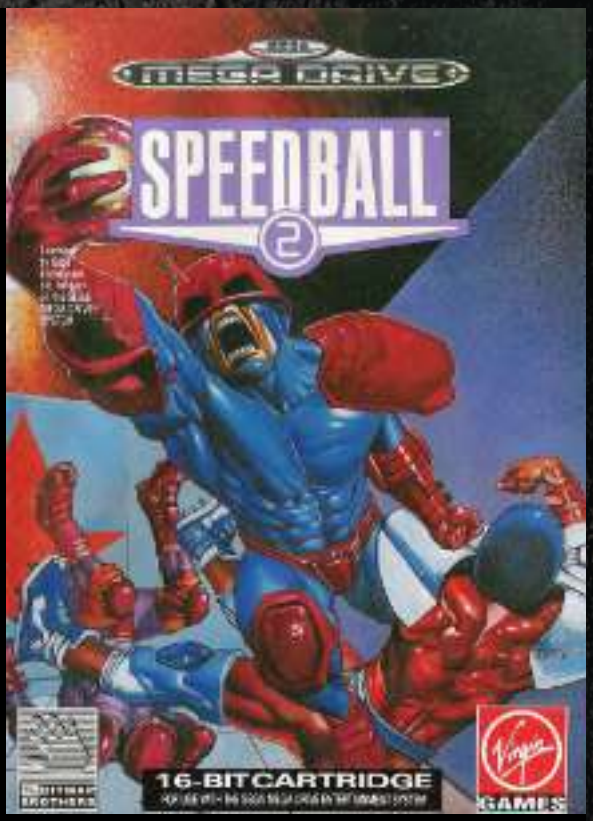

Speedball 2: Brutal Deluxe is a 1990 video game based on a violent futuristic cyberpunk sport that draws on elements of handball and ice hockey, and rewards violent play as well as goals.

The concept of the game is very reminiscent of the 1975 film Rollerball.

The original game was developed by Bitmap Brothers, with various remakes for many platforms since being published.

Speedball 2 is the sequel to the 1988 game Speedball.

The game was released for multiple platforms: the Acorn Archimedes, Atari Jaguar, Atari ST, Amiga, Amiga CD32, IBM PC compatibles, Commodore 64, Mega Drive, Master System, Game Boy and Game Boy Advance.

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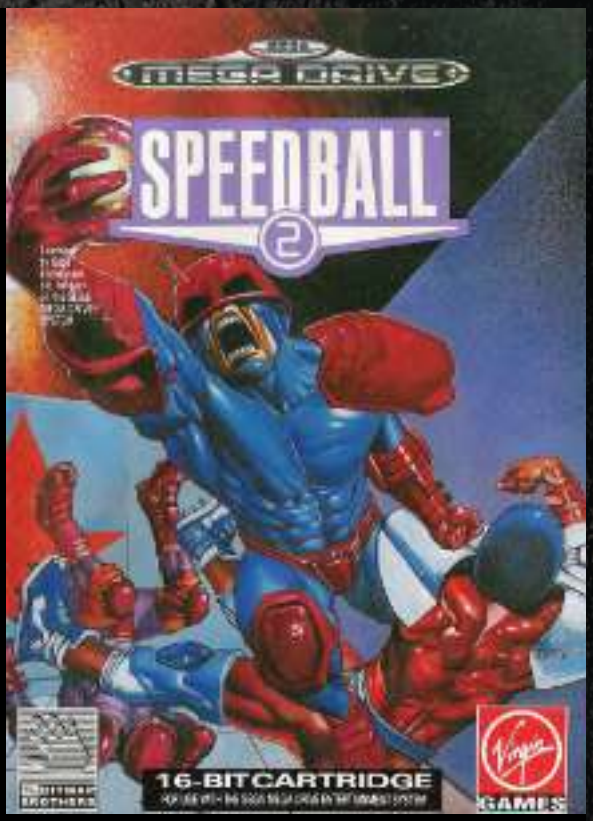

The first version was simultaneously developed and released for the Amiga and the Atari ST in 1990.

Speedball 2 makes several changes over the original Speedball.

Each team has nine players on court rather than five, and targets on the floor and walls can be hit for bonus points.

Speedball 2 is one of Bitmap Brothers' most successful titles.

Speedball 2 has sold over two million copies.

Speedball 2 is classic video game and received positive reviews.

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The Lawnmower Man is a 1992 science fiction horror film.

Starring Jeff Fahey as Jobe Smith, an intellectually disabled gardener.

Pierce Brosnan as Dr. Lawrence Angelo, a scientist who decides to experiment on him in an effort to give him greater intelligence.

The experiments give Jobe superhuman abilities, but also increase his aggression, turning him into a man obsessed with evolving into a digital being.

The film is adapted from the merging of a 1975 short story by Stephen King.

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Because of the deviation from his story, King successfully sued to have his name removed from the film which was originally titled Stephen King's The Lawnmower Man.

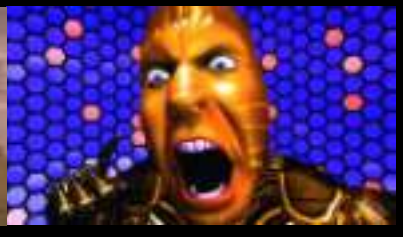
He won further damages when his name was included in the title of the home video release.

A sequel, Lawnmower Man 2: Beyond Cyberspace, was released in 1996, with Austin O'Brien as the only returning actor from the original film.

The film spawned two video games: The Lawnmower Man in 1993, and Cyberwar in 1994.

The Lawnmower man once-groundbreaking visual effects look dated today.

The Lawnmower is a great movie worth watching if you have not seen it.



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Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone is a 1983 American-Canadian space Western film.

The film stars Peter Strauss, Molly Ringwald, Ernie Hudson, Andrea Marcovicci and Michael Ironside.

The film is about a bounty hunter who goes on a mission to rescue three women stranded on a brutal planet and meets a vagrant teenage girl along the way.

Columbia released Spacehunter on May 20, 1983, timed to be a week before Return of the Jedi.

It took $7 million in the first week. However ticket sales dropped sharply.

The film ended up grossing $16.5 million at the United States box office.

While the film went mostly ignored at the U.S. box office, it did find some success on home video becoming the 10th best selling videocassette of 1983.

Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone is a great movie and does not take its self to seriously.

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Hell Comes to Frog town is a 1988 American science fiction action film.

The film stars professional wrestler Roddy Piper as Sam Hell, one of the last remaining fertile men in a post-apocalyptic world populated by both humans and mutant amphibians.

The film's cast also includes Sandahl Bergman, Cec Verrell, William Smith and Rory Calhoun.

In the late 20th century, a large-scale nuclear war ends in a nuclear holocaust.

In the aftermath, Earth has become a post-apocalyptic wasteland, where, due to fallout, most humans have been rendered sterile.

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As a result, the government places a high priority on those who can still breed.

Additionally, humanity now shares the planet with a race of mutant amphibians, whom the government has exiled to the desert and prohibited from possessing firearms.

Sam Hell, a nomadic scavenger, is recruited by the provincial government to serve as a human stud hey tracked him down by following a trail of pregnant women left in his wake from his travels.

Hell Comes to Frog town had mixed to positive reviews.

Hell Comes Frog Town is a fun Movie with a sense of style and has the ability to laugh at itself.

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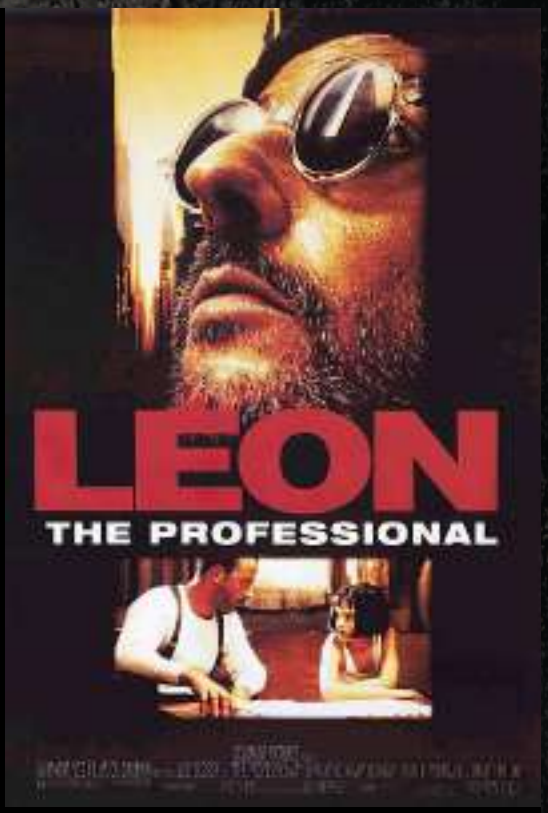

Léon: The Professional is a 1994 English-language French action-thriller film written and directed by Luc Besson.

It stars Jean Reno and Gary Oldman, and features the film debut of Natalie Portman.

The plot centers on Léon (Reno), a professional hitman who reluctantly takes in twelve-year-old Mathilda Lando (Portman) after her family are murdered by corrupt Drug Enforcement Administration agent Norman Stansfield (Oldman).

Léon and Mathilda form an unusual relationship, as she becomes his protégée and learns the hitman's trade.

Leon received mostly positive reviews.

Léon: The Professional is a great movie and if you have not seen it.

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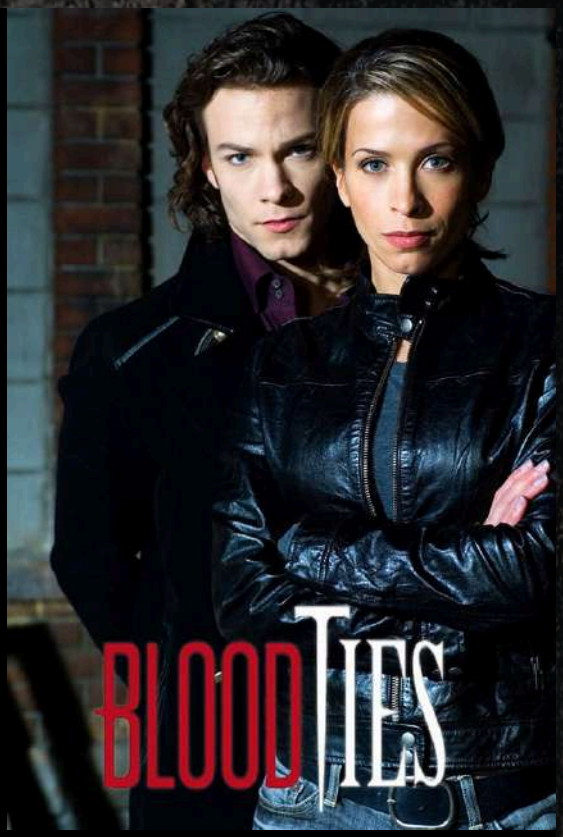
Blood Ties (TV series)



Blood Ties, set in Toronto, Ontario, centers on Vicki Nelson (Christina Cox), a former Toronto Police Service officer who left the force to become a private investigator when her eyesight begins to degenerate.

Vicki faced the hard choice of leaving Homicide Division in the police department and working a desk job or leaving the police force altogether.

Despite strong protests from her partner and lover, Detective Mike Celluci, she decided to leave the force and open a private investigation firm.

Though her vision does prove to be a problem at times, Vicki refuses to let anyone treat her like she is disabled and continues to take risks with her life throughout the course of her investigations.

Vicki meets Henry Fitzroy 4-and-a-half century old vampire who becomes her friend and protector.

Vicki Nelson and Henry Fitzroy become partners in dealing with crime committed with paranormal elements. Blood Ties received positive reviews.

The Dresden Files (TV series)

The Dresden Files is a television series based on the fantasy book series of the same name by Jim Butcher.

The series follows private investigator and wizard Harry Dresden as portrayed by Paul Blackthorne.

and recounts investigations into supernatural disturbances in modern-day Chicago.

The series ran for a single season of 12 episodes.

Harry Dresden, a reluctant hero, a professional wizard who often helps the police with cases involving unusual circumstances and others who seek his help.

Harry's mother Burdine Dresden, a powerful witch, died when he was young.

He was raised by his father, a stage magician. When he was about 11, his powers began to emerge.

Departure from novels

Jim Butcher said that "the show is not the books. It is not meant to follow the same story. It is meant as an alternate world. The Dresden files is a good series and worth watching.

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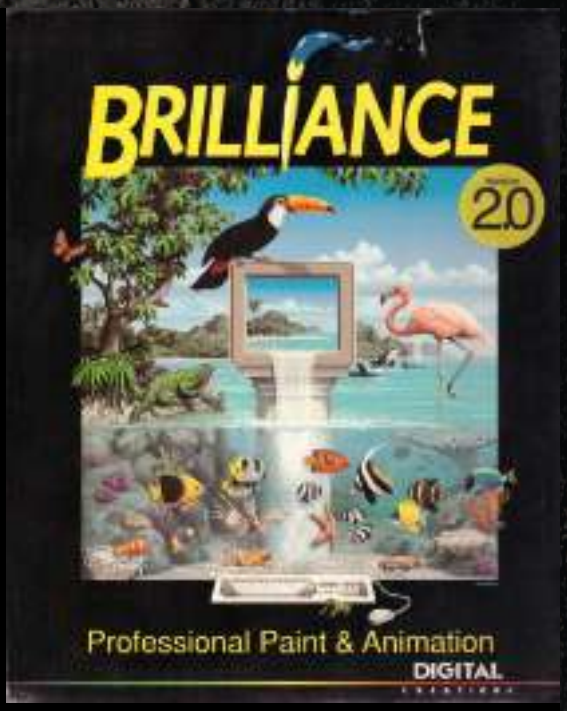


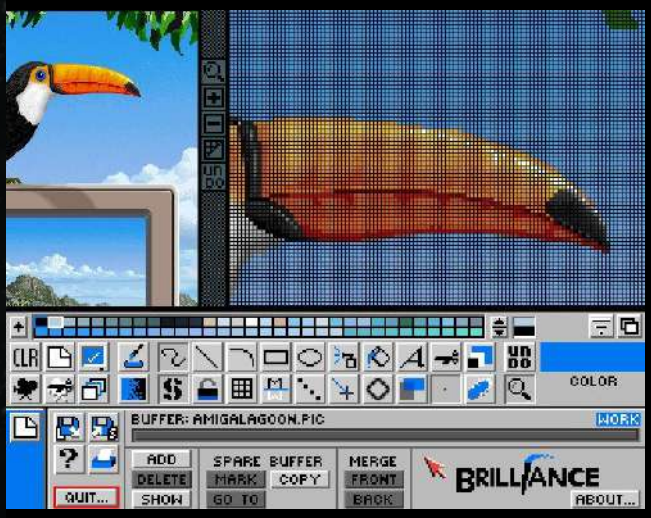
The Brilliance package was one of the major rivals to Deluxe Paint, the established "killer app" in Amiga bitmap graphics editing.

At its launch, Brilliance attracted generally favorable reviews.

One commonly noted point was Brilliance's performance on Hold-and-Modify and true-color images, which was significantly faster than that of Deluxe Paint IV.

However, despite being faster and easier to use than Deluxe Paint, Brilliance never achieved the same level of popularity.

It may be significant that (in contrast to Deluxe Paint) by the time of Brilliance's launch, the Amiga market was already in serious decline.



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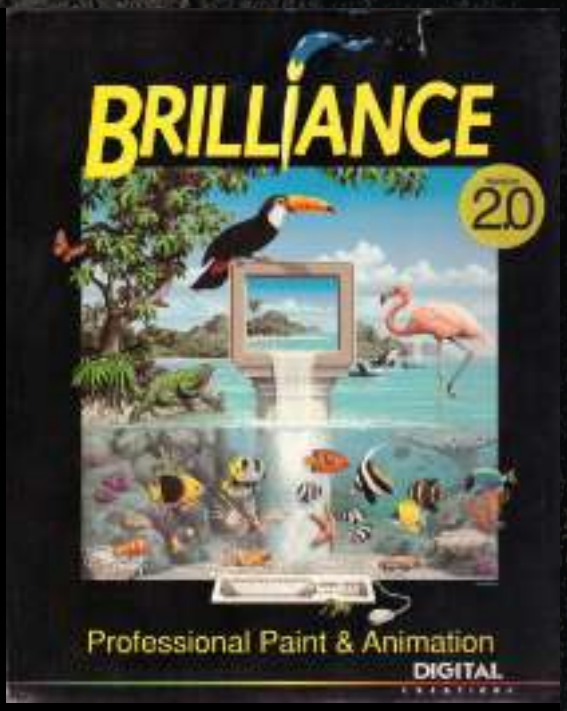

Brilliance was notable for its ability to edit true 15 and 24-bit color images, even on older Amiga computers.

Brilliance was released in 1993, and came with a dongle.

Brilliance 2 released in 1994 dropped this requirement, However, the significant drop in price of the new version was positively received.

As someone who used and owned Brilliance 2 on the Amiga range of computers.

Brilliance 2 was fantastic art program on the Amiga and was a must have tool for anybody creating Artwork and Graphics on the Amiga computer.

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Affinity Publisher

Affinity Publisher is a desktop publishing application developed by Serif for macOS and Microsoft Windows with an iPadOS version being developed.

It is a part of the Affinity product line along with Affinity Photo and Affinity Designer.

Affinity Publisher serves as a successor to Serif's own Page Plus software, which the company discontinued in August 2017 to focus on the Affinity product range.

It has been described as an alternative to Adobe In Design, due to its primary focus on desktop publishing workflows for both printed and online media, including common features from this industry, such as master pages, Open Type support, linked text frames, and end-to-end support for the CMYK color model.

AFFINITY Publisher

Affinity Publisher includes Studio Link technology, developed by Serif, which allows owners of Affinity Designer and Affinity Photo to use the vector and raster graphic editing functionality of those applications for editing content directly within Publisher in addition to its own, smaller set of native vector and raster editing features.

File format support

File formats supported by Affinity Publisher (in addition to the Affinity suite's native file format) include Adobe InDesign Markup Language (only import of IDML files into Publisher, no export of IDML), Adobe Photoshop PSD, PDF, JPG, TIFF, PNG, and EPS, with export functionality for the PDF/X-1a, PDF/X-3, PDF/X-4 standards of the PDF/X file format.

The iPadOS editions of Affinity Photo and Designer also include support for Affinity Publisher files.

AFFINITY Publisher

Affinity Publisher received generally favorable reviews following its initial release in 2019, with the application's range of features, its Studio Link integration with Affinity Designer/Photo, and non-subscription pricing model commonly cited as positive areas.

Affinity Publisher Publisher is one of the best creative programs I have ever used and highly recommend this very powerful creative software and one more thing this Gamer Magazine to created using Affinity Publisher/ Affinity photo/ Affinity Designer.

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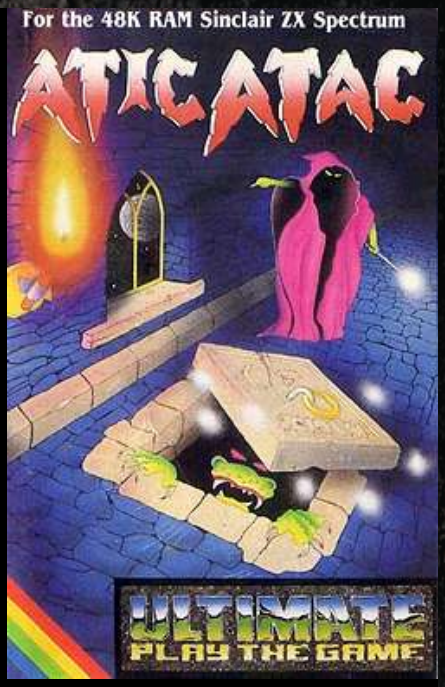

Atic Atac is an arcade-adventure video game developed and published by Ultimate Play the Game, released for the ZX Spectrum in 1983 and the BBC Micro in 1985.

The game takes place within a castle in which the player must seek out a Golden Key by unlocking doors and avoiding enemies.

It was Ultimate's second game to require 48K of RAM.

Most of their previous games for the Spectrum ran on UN-expanded 16K models.

The game is presented in a top-down perspective and is set inside a labyrinth of a complex castle.

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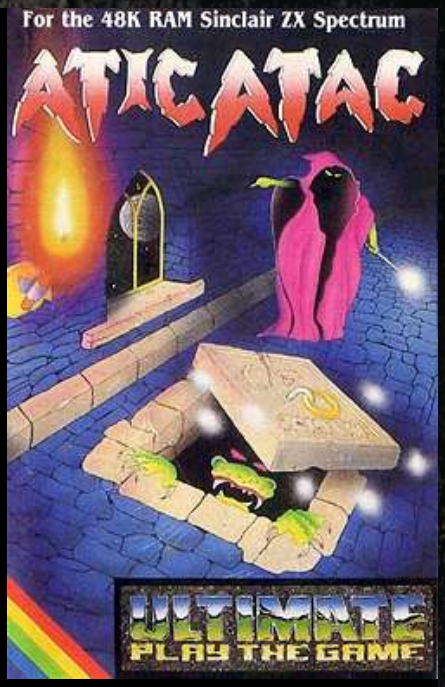
There are a number of items scattered around the castle, of which the player may carry up to three at a time.

Some of these are always in the same place at the start of the game, whereas others are distributed randomly.



The game received a positive critical reception upon release.

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In 1991, Atic Atac was ranked as the 79th best ZX Spectrum game of all time.

Sabre Wulf, which was released for the ZX Spectrum by Ultimate Play the Game later in 1984, was noted for having similar gameplay to Atic Atac, including its similar themes of a continuous maze.

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Frankenhooker is a 1990 American Dark comedy horror film directed by Frank Henenlotter.

Very loosely inspired by Mary Shelley's 1818 novel Frankenstein.

The Modern Prometheus, the film stars James Lorinz as medical school drop-out Jeffrey Franken and former Penthouse Pet Patty Mullen as the title character.

Jeffrey Franken, a young man who lives in New Jersey, is a worker at a power plant and a scientist who specializes in bio-electricity.

He is about to marry his fiancée Elizabeth.

At the birthday party of Elizabeth's father, Jeffrey presents him with an automatic lawnmower as a gift, but when Elizabeth tries to demonstrate it, she's caught in its path and gruesomely killed.

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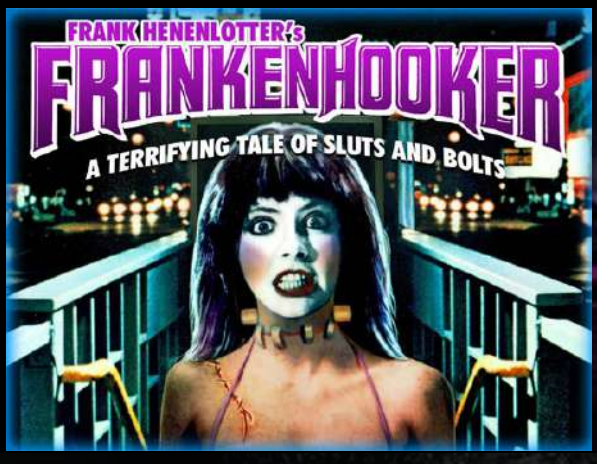
Jeffrey, in his grief, begins plotting to use his knowledge of circuits to rebuild Elizabeth and bring her back to life.

After meeting several girls and their abusive pimp Zorro, a muscle-bound temperamental crack dealer.

Jeffrey tricks Zorro into letting him rent every one of the girls for a single night to find the one with the perfect body for Elizabeth.

Inspired by a news report about crack cocaine causing the deaths of many New York prostitutes, he then develops a "super-crack" which he finds causes living beings to explode.

Frankenhooker is a fun movie and worth watching if you like Dark comedy horror films.



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Darkman is a 1990 American superhero film directed and co-written by Sam Raimi.

Based on a short story Raimi wrote that paid homage to Universal's horror films of the 1930s.

The film stars Liam Neeson as scientist Peyton Westlake, who is brutally attacked, disfigured, and left for dead by ruthless mobster Robert Durant (Larry Drake).

After a treatment to cure him of his burn injuries fails, Westlake develops super-human abilities, which also have the unintended side-effect of rendering him mentally unstable and borderline psychotic.

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Consumed with vengeance, he decides to hunt down those who disfigured him.

Darkman was Liam Neeson first action film in the main role.

Darkman received generally positive reviews by critics and was commercially successful.

Sequels

Darkman II: The Return of Durant. (1995)

Darkman III: Die Darkman Die (1996).

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Conan the Barbarian is a 1982 American epic sword and sorcery film.

The film stars Arnold Schwarzenegger and James Earl Jones, and tells the story of a barbarian warrior named Conan who seeks vengeance for the death of his parents at the hands of a snake cult.

The film earned Schwarzenegger worldwide recognition.

A sword is forged by a blacksmith, who then shows it to his young son, Conan, as he tells him of the "Riddle of Steel", an aphorism on the importance of steel to their people, the Cimmerians.

Conan the barbarian received average reviews.

Whereas most comic book and pulp adaptations were box office failures in the 1980s, Conan the Barbarian was one of the few that made a profit.

Sequels Conan the Destroyer was released in 1984, with Schwarzenegger and Mako reprising their roles.

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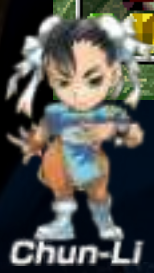
Super Puzzle Fighter II Turbo is a puzzle game.

In Puzzle Fighter gems can only be eliminated by coming into contact with a Crash Gem of the same color, which eliminates all adjacent gems of that color, setting up the potential for huge chain reactions.

When gems are eliminated, Counter Gems drop into the opponent's play field.

Puzzle Fighter borrowed rules originally found in Puyo Puyo 2.



This will allow a player to counter and negate garbage being sent by the opponent with chains of their own. Sousai can also be used to send garbage back to the opponent, known as Garbage overflow.

During the game, super deformed versions of various characters from Capcom's two main fighting game series Street Fighter and Dark-stalkers act out a comical battle based on how the game is going.

CAPCOM

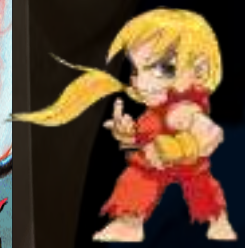
Every time one player sends Counter Gems to their opponent, their character will perform a typical fighting-game action, anything from a taunt to a special move.

The more Counter Gems the player sends over, the bigger the move the character will perform.

These animations, however, are purely cosmetic and have no actual bearing on the gameplay other than to indicate the magnitude of the counters.

The game continues until one player's field reaches the top of its fourth column which is where all new gems first appear.

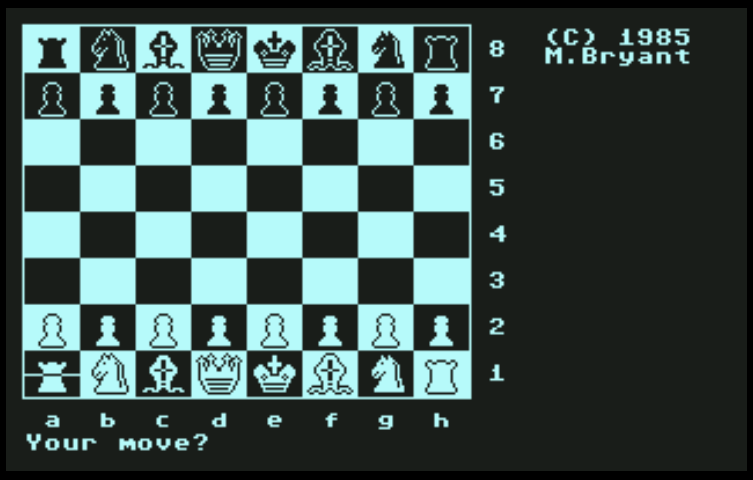
That player is the loser.



Super Puzzle Fighter 2 Turbo is a great game and fun to play with friends.

Colossus Chess is a series of chess-playing computer programs developed by Martin Bryant, commercially released for various home computers in the 1980s.

Bryant started Colossus Chess in 1983, using his White Knight Mk 11 program, winner of the 1983 European Microcomputer Chess Championship as a basis.



It was developed on an Apple II, but was first commercially released for Commodore 64 as Colossus Chess 2.0 CDS Micro Systems, 1984.

A number of releases for 8-bit microcomputers followed. Version 3.0 was released in 1984 for the Atari 8-bit family of computers published by English Software, followed by 4.0 in 1985 which was released on most formats of the day published by CDS.

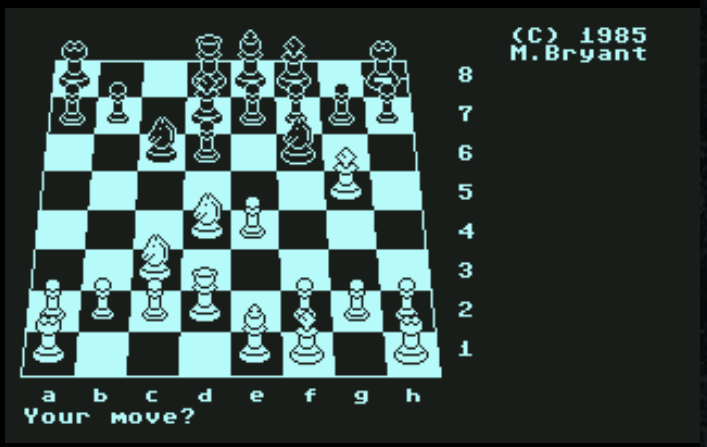
As other games of the time, the Acorn Electron implementation required that part of the screen memory be used as working space.

Colossus Chess featured time-controlled play with game clocks, an opening book with 3,000 positions, and problem-solving mode that could solve normal mates, self mates and helpmates.

Pondering on opponent's time and a three-dimensional chessboard were introduced in Colossus Chess 4.0.

All releases were written in the assembly language of the appropriate CPU.

The ZX Spectrum version could examine an average of 170 positions per second.



Uncommon for microcomputer chess programs of the era, Colossus had a full implementation of the rules of chess, including under promotion, the fifty-move rule, draw by repetition, and draw by insufficient material.

Colossus was also able to execute all the basic checkmates, including the difficult bishop and knight checkmate.

Colossus Chess X

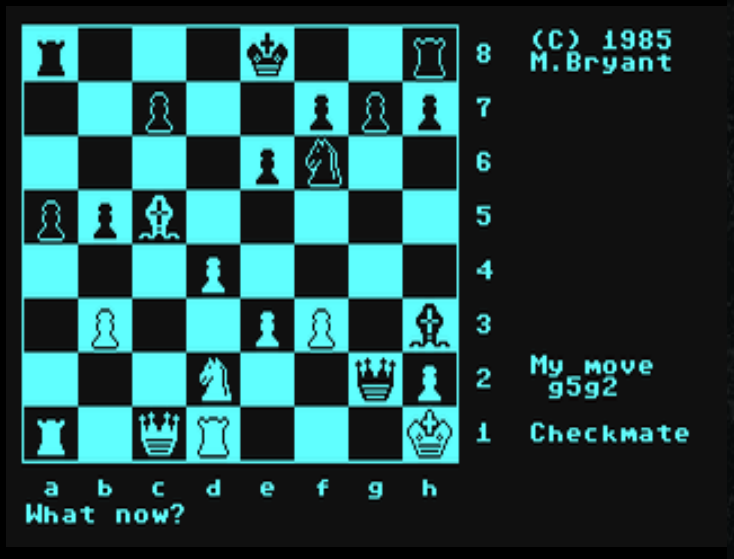
Colossus Chess X on PC

The program was subsequently ported to Atari ST (1988), Amiga (1989) and IBM PC (1990) under the title Colossus Chess X.

The new releases featured four chess sets and enhanced graphics.

The opening book was extended to 11,000 positions, and the program had the ability to learn from past playing experiences.

No work was done on Colossus Chess from 1991 to 2005, when Martin Bryant created a completely new and freely available Windows version conforming to the Universal Chess Interface.



It was written in C#, then converted to C for speed, and was finally publicly released in 2006.

The Colossus Chess is one of the best Computer chess games I have ever played.

GAMER Retro Game Review

Super Methane Brothers is a video game similar to Taito's Bubble Bobble arcade game, released for Amiga in 1993 by Apache Software.

The protagonists of the game, Puff and Blow, each have a Methane Gas Gun which fires a cloud of immobilizing gas.

If this comes into contact with a bad guy, he will be absorbed into the gas and then float around the screen for a limited time. Bad guys are harmless in this state.

Puff and Blow must suck the floating gas clouds into their guns and blast them out against a vertical surface.

Bad guys then turn into bonuses which can be collected.

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Reception and legacy

Super Methane Bros was received mixed to average reviews

With permission from Apache Software Ltd a modern port under GPLv2 with the original assets was released in 2001 by Mark Page.

This game has ports for Microsoft Windows, Linux and RISC OS.

The source code and project is hosted on Source Forge, latest update was in 2021.

Between 2005 and May 2017 Super Methane Bros. was downloaded from Source Forge alone over 48,000 times.

GAMER Cartoon Review

RoadRunner Retro Review

Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner are a duo of cartoon characters from the Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies series of animated cartoons.

Instead of his animal instincts, the coyote uses absurdly complex contraptions to try to catch his prey.

They comically backfire, with the coyote often getting injured in slapstick fashion.

beep! beep!

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RoadRunner Retro Review

Many of the items for these contrivances are mail-ordered from a variety of companies implied to be part of the Acme Corporation.

One running gag involves the coyote trying, in vain, to shield himself with a little parasol against a great falling boulder that is about to crush him.

Another involves him falling from high cliffs, after momentarily being suspended in midair, as if the fall is delayed until he realizes that there is nothing below him.

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By 2014, 49 cartoons had been made featuring the characters (including the four CGI shorts), the majority by creator Chuck Jones

Acme Corporation

Wile E. Coyote often obtains various complex and ludicrous devices from a mail-order company, the fictitious Acme Corporation, which he hopes will help him catch the Road Runner. The devices invariably fail in improbable and spectacular fashion..

beep! beep!

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RoadRunner Retro Review

Laws and rules

In his book Chuck Amuck:

The Life and Times of an Animated Cartoonist.

Chuck Jones claimed that he and the artists behind the Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote cartoons adhered to some simple but strict rules:

"The Road Runner cannot harm the Coyote except by going 'Beep-Beep!'"

This only applies to direct harm, however, the Road Runner is able to indirectly harm Wile E.

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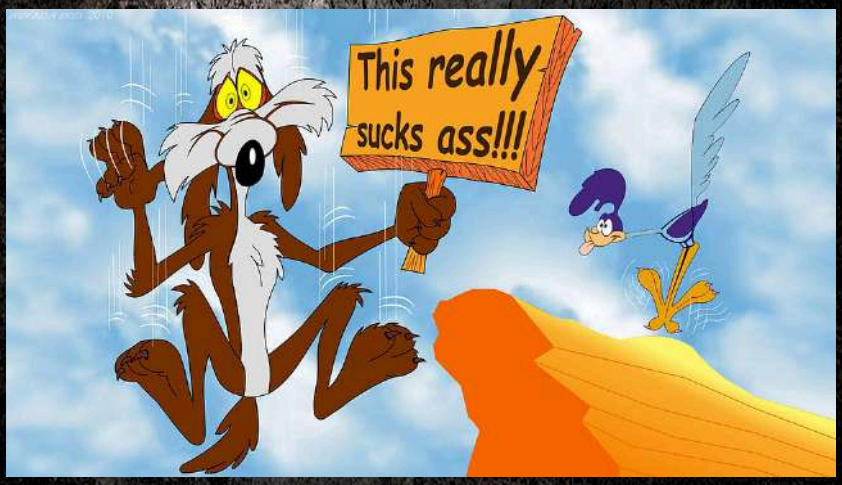
One of the most common instances of indirect harm was done with a startling "Beep-Beep" that ends up either sending Wile E. off a cliff or up in the air and through a rock above him.



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"All materials tools, weapons, or mechanical conveniences must be obtained from the Acme

There are other examples, in Rushing Roulette, the Coyote uses AJAX Stix-All glue.

In Zip 'N Snort, aside from the Acme Iron Pellets, Wile E. also had a box of AJAX Bird Seed.

beep! beep!

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Road Runner Retro Review

Road Runner Cartoons where a big part of my childhood and many other peoples and are still very funny to this day.

beep! beep!

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GAMER Film Review

Rurouni Kenshin The Beginning is a 2021 Japanese live-action film based upon the manga series of the same name.

It is the fifth and final installment of the Rurouni Kenshin film series and serves as a prequel.

Kenshin Himura's origins as the assassin "Hitokiri Battōsai", while exploring his relationship with the woman named Yukishiro Tomoe.

During the Bakumatsu in Kyoto, and a carnage of killings, Himura Kenshin, also called Hitokiri Battosai, is a political assassin, who is part of the revolution that is poised to overthrow the Tokugawa shogunate.

Rurouni Kenshin The Beginning has great story and some the best fighting scenes you will in a live action movie.

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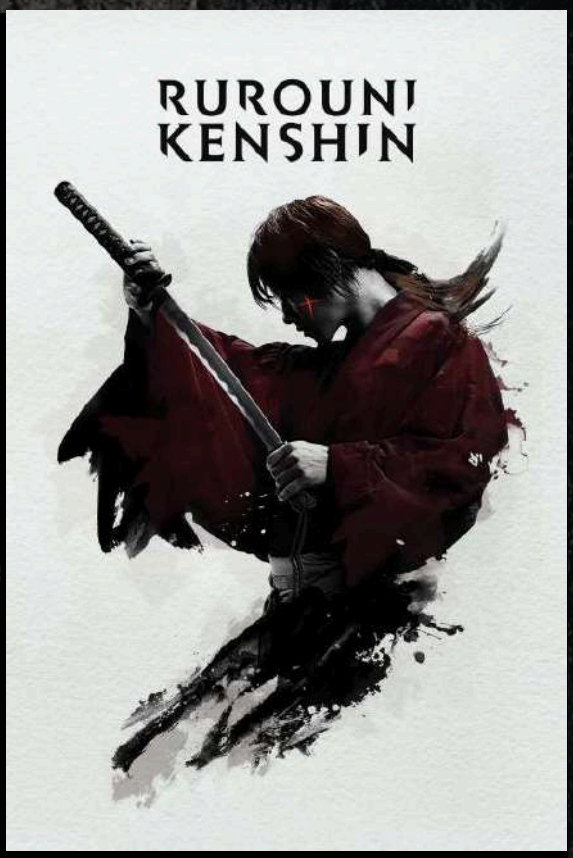

Rurouni Kenshin is a 2012 Japanese period action-adventure film based on the manga of the same name.

It focuses on fictional events that take place during the early Meiji era in Japan.

Telling the story of a countryside wanderer named Himura Kenshin, a former assassin who now offers aid to those in need as atonement for the murders he once committed.

He helps a dojo owner and protects a woman from a ruthless drug lord.

The film became Japan's eleventh highest-grossing film of 2012.

The film received mostly positive reviews from critics

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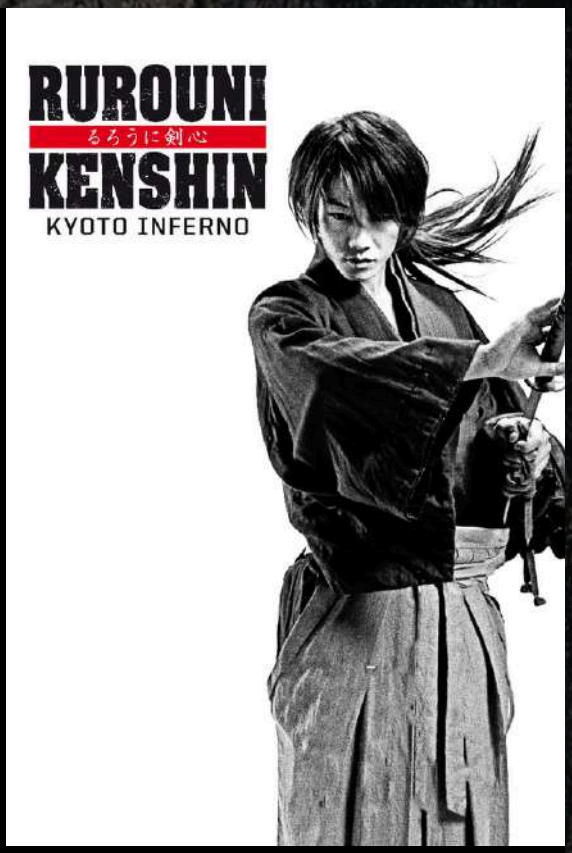

Rurouni Kenshin 2 Kyoto Inferno is a 2014 Japanese film based on the manga series of the same name.

After the events of the first film, Himura Kenshin continues to live in the kenjutsu dojo of Kamiya Kaoru alongside Myōjin Yahiko, Sagara Sanosuke, and Takani Megumi.

He is called by a government official, Ōkubo Toshimichi, to track down Shishio, who is terrorizing Kyoto and its surroundings.

The film received positive reviews from critics, with widespread praise regarding the film's action direction and fight choreography

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Rurouni Kenshin: The Legend Ends is a 2014 Japanese action film based on the manga series Rurouni Kenshin.

It serves as a direct sequel to Rurouni Kenshin.

Kyoto Inferno taking place immediately after as Kenshin recovers following losing Kaoru at sea.

Kenshin wakes up at Master Hiko's home, and asks if his friend (Kaoru) was also washed up.

He has been unconscious for three days, and Master Hiko tells him that his friend is most likely dead.

Kenshin asks to learn the final Hiten Mitsurugi technique, "Amakakeru Ryu no Hirameki", in order to defeat Shishio Makoto and prevent his onslaught.

Hiko agrees, and the two engage in a duel to start his training.

The film received largely positive reviews from critics, once again receiving widespread recognition for its ground-breaking fight choreography

GAMER *Film Review*

Rurouni Kenshin: The Final is a 2021 Japanese live-action film based on the manga series of the same name.

The leader of the Shanghai mafia, Yukishiro Enishi, arrives in Tokyo to search for the former government assassin Himura Kenshin.

He and his allies, who all have a grudge with Kenshin, begin their assault on the city.

Rurouni Kenshin: The Final gained Critical response on release with generally positive reviews across the board from most reviewers.

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MEGA DRIVE

ALTERED BEAST

Altered Beast The game is set in Ancient Greece and follows a player character chosen by Zeus to rescue his daughter Athena from the demonic ruler of the underworld, Neff. Through the use of power-ups, the player character can assume the form of different magical beasts wolf, dragon, bear, tiger, and golden wolf. It was ported to several home video game consoles and home computers.

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MEGA DRIVE

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The various ports of Altered Beast received mixed reviews.

The Sega Mega Drive/ Genesis version received positive reviews on the faithful arcade conversion to the Sega Genesis/Mega drive from the arcade version.

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ALTERED BEAST

SEGA GENESIS

GAMER Retro Game Review

Airborne Ranger is an action game developed and published by Micro-prose for the Commodore 64 and ZX Spectrum in 1987 and the Amstrad CPC and IBM PC compatibles in 1988.

Ports to the Amiga and Atari ST by Imagitec Design were released in 1989.

A sole U.S. Army Ranger is sent to infiltrate the enemy territory to complete various objectives. The game was followed by Special Forces in 1991.

The game consists of several missions, in which the player controls a sole Ranger whose objectives include capturing an enemy officer, destroying an enemy bunker, taking out a SAM site, and rescuing a captured POW, which would possibly free a roster member that was labeled P.O.W.

The game creates the maps and objective locations randomly, so the player is required to plan each mission carefully, because no mission is the same.

At the start of each mission, the player is presented with a short overview of the mission, and can select a Ranger from a roster of available soldiers.

The player is then in control of an aircraft, described as a V-22 Osprey and is allowed to drop three ammo crates over the enemy territory.

Once the three containers are dropped, the Ranger is parachuted into the area.

Upon touch-down, the player has to overcome several obstacles, including enemy soldiers and officers, mine fields, foxholes and bunkers.

The dropped ammo crates provide the soldier with fresh hand grenades and ammo.

After completing the mission, the Ranger has to navigate to a pick-up point within a time limit.

Unlike other games of this era Airborne Ranger had strategy elements to its gameplay which was refreshing at the time.

Airborne Ranger is an excellent game from beginning to end.

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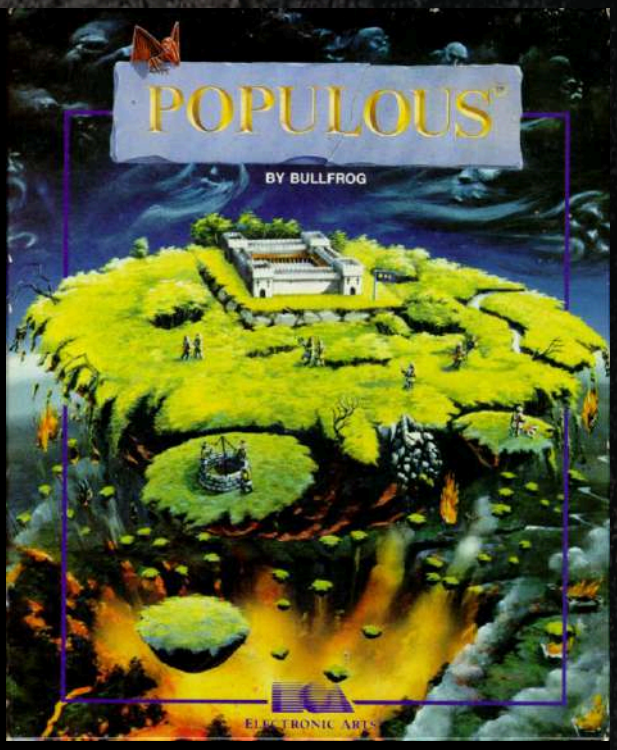

Populous is a video game developed by Bullfrog Productions and published by Electronic Arts, released originally for the Amiga in 1989, and is regarded by many as the first god game.

The player assumes the role of a deity, who must lead followers through direction, manipulation, and divine intervention, with the goal of eliminating the followers led by the opposite deity.

Played from an isometric perspective, the game consists of more than 500 levels, with each level being a piece of land which contains the player's followers and the enemy's followers.

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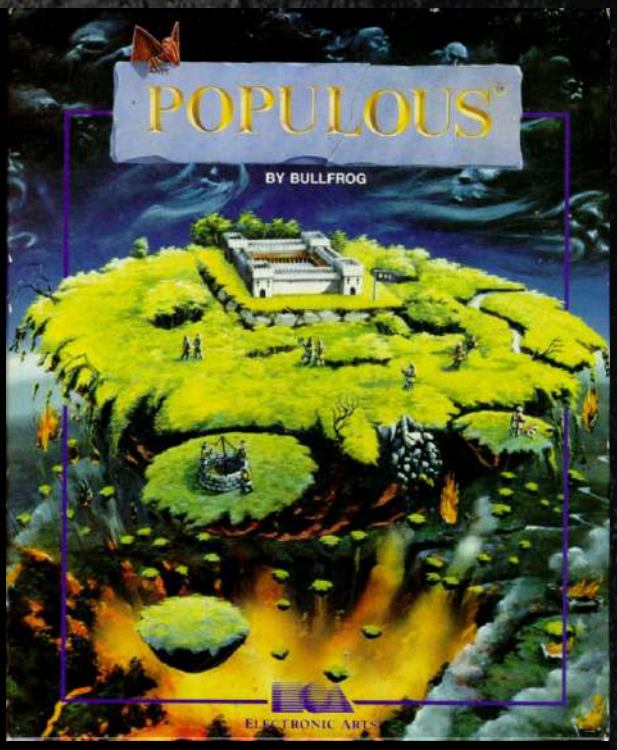
The player is tasked with defeating the enemy followers and increasing their own followers' population using a series of divine powers before moving on to the next level.



The game received critical acclaim upon release, with critics praising the game's graphics, design, sounds and replay value.

The game was ported to many other computer systems and was later supported with multiple expansion packs.

Populous game engine was used to develop Powermonger, which had similar mechanics to Populous, but with a 3 dimensional graphical interface.

Silver is an action role-playing video game for Microsoft Windows, Dreamcast and Mac OS, released in 1999.

The game was produced by Infogrames initially for Windows, and later for the Dreamcast.

The story focuses around a young warrior called David and his quest to retrieve his wife from the clutches of the villain Silver.

On his journey he gains a number of followers and visits many different landscapes.

The game sold over 400,000 copies.

Silver features polygonal 3D characters drawn against a pre-rendered 2D background.

The character design is inspired by manga/anime culture.

The battle system of Silver is notable for being completely real-time, as opposed to many similar light role-playing games, which usually have turn-based combat.

The player may choose any character in the adventuring party to control, and the rest of the characters are handled automatically by AI.

The story focuses largely on collecting eight magic orbs representing different elements: Fire, Ice, Health, Earth, Acid, Lightning, Time and Light.

Each orb is located at an area themed around the orb, and the player may use the collected orbs to cast different kind of spells against enemies.

The game received above-average reviews.

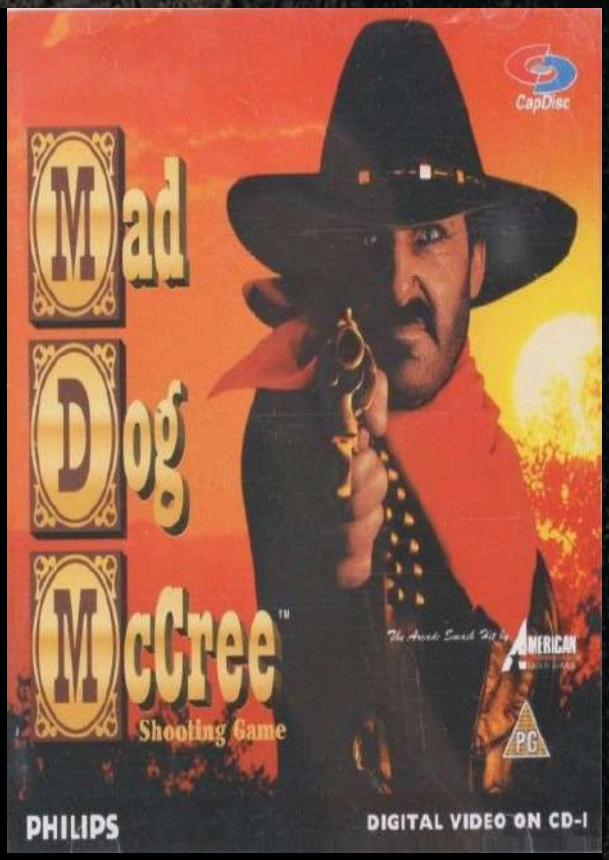
Mad Dog McCree

Arcade system

Amiga-based hardware.

Mad Dog McCree is the first live-action laserdisc video game released by American Laser Games.

It originally appeared as an arcade game in 1990.



The game gained considerable attention for its live-action video style, bearing similarities to contemporary Hollywood Western films.

Its success inspired a series of similar live-action rail shooter games in the following years.

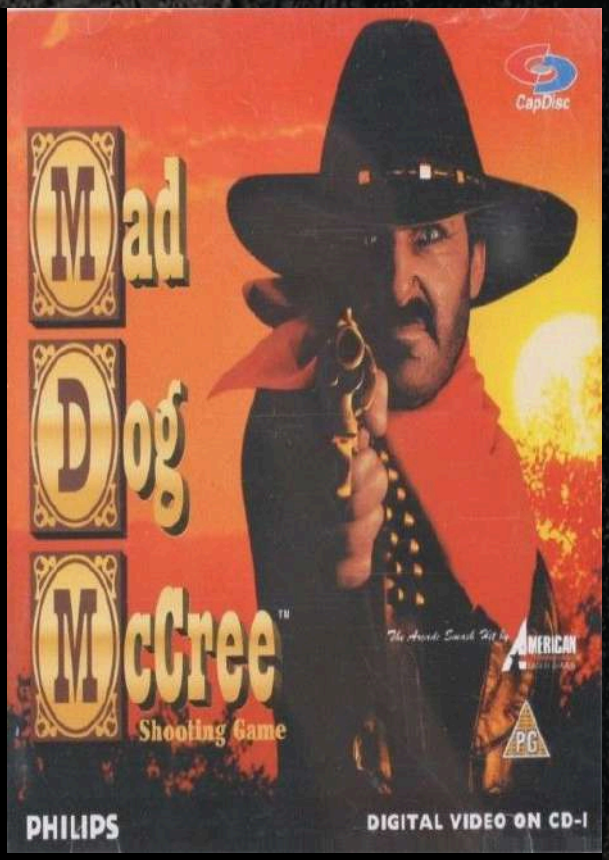
In a series of stages, the player must shoot enemies before they fire, avoid shooting innocent bystanders, and reload each time their six-round revolver is depleted of bullets.

Shooting a bystander or getting hit by a gunfighter results in the loss of one life out of three and is followed by a clip showing the town doctor commenting on the player's actions.

The home versions allow the player to choose from three difficulty modes.

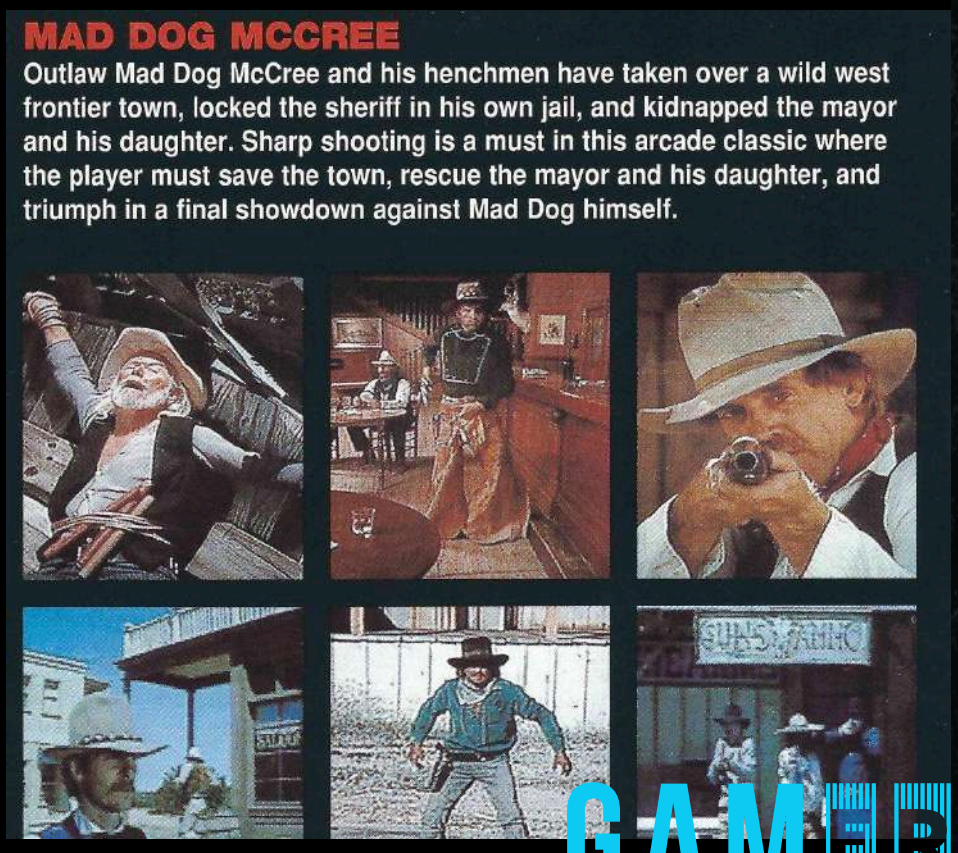
The player assumes the first-person role of the game's silent protagonist, a nameless individual addressed only as "stranger".

Home versions were released for the Sega CD, CD-i, 3DO, and Microsoft Windows.



Sega CD version of the game video was grainy compared to the CD-I Version which was Better Quality due to the fact Sega CD had limited video capaciously unlike the CD-I Game Console .

CD-i version due to the high quality live action video and the bundled Peacekeeper Revolver was the better version of the game to play.


MAD DOG MCCREE
Outlaw Mad Dog McCree and his henchmen have taken over a wild west frontier town, locked the sheriff in his own jail, and kidnapped the mayor and his daughter. Sharp shooting is a must in this arcade classic where the player must save the town, rescue the mayor and his daughter, and triumph in a final showdown against Mad Dog himself.

GAMER Retro Game Review

Crazy Taxi is a series of racing games developed by Hitmaker and published by Sega.

It was first available as an arcade video game in 1999, then released for the Dreamcast console in 2000.

It is the third best-selling Dreamcast game in the United States, selling over a million copies.

The game was later ported to the PlayStation 2, Game Cube, and IBM PC compatibles with sequels also appearing on the Xbox, Game Boy Advance, and PlayStation Portable systems.

Each game has the player assume the role of a taxi driver who must accumulate money by delivering passengers to their destinations in the fastest time possible, earning tips by performing "crazy stunts" before the time runs out.

Crazy Taxi is fun game to play and is classic even to this day.

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GAMER *Film Review*

Outlander is a 2008 action film

The plot is loosely based on the Anglo-Saxon epic poem Beowulf.

In 709 A.D, a spacecraft crashes in a lake in Vendel-era Scandinavia.

The only surviving occupant – a humanoid alien – retrieves a distress beacon and a computer which explains that he is on Earth, a "seed" colony that his people have abandoned.

The computer downloads the local Norse language and culture directly into his brain.

The spaceman soon finds a recently destroyed village, where he is captured by Wulfric, a warrior from another village.

Wulfric takes him to the fortified village of King Hrothgar.

The outlander identifies himself as Kainan, claiming he is from the north and States that he is hunting a dragon.

Outlander on release received Average reviews.

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GAMER TV Series *Review*

Red Queen TV series Season 1

No. of episodes 7

Red Queen "Reina Roja" is a Spanish–Mexican thriller television series.

A gifted woman's intellect brings chance to lead covert European police force.

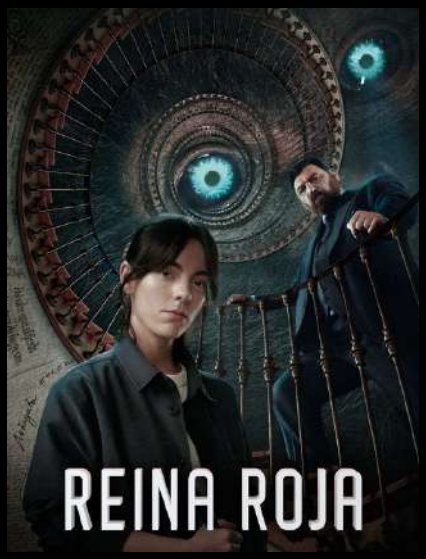
But it backfires, costing her everything.

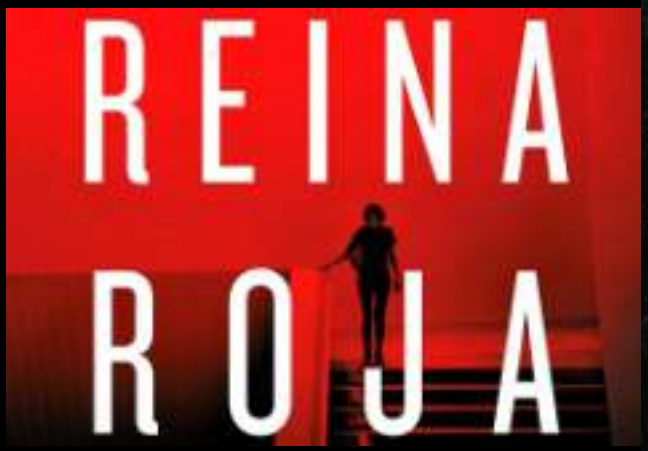
Following murder at her home and kidnapped heiress, her ex-supervisor enlists a policeman's aid to reinstate her.

Antonia Scott comes out of her hermit-like retreat and teams up with police agent Jon Gutiérrez.

After the killing of the scion of a wealthy family and the kidnapping of another wealthy heiress.

Red Queen Is a Real Gem and definitely worth a watch.





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GAMER Retro Game *Review*

Gloom is a 1995 computer game for the Amiga computer.

Gloom was the first commercially released Amiga clone of first-person shooter Doom.

Gloom has a two-player mode, and can be played over a network or by using split screen.

The only disappointing thing with Gloom was distinct lack of weapons.

Unfortunately Only one gun can be carried at a time.

The guns get quite beefy but the ability to carry a massive arsenal and swap between shotguns, bazookas was sadly missing in Gloom.

Gloom Was a Fun Game to Play on the Amiga.

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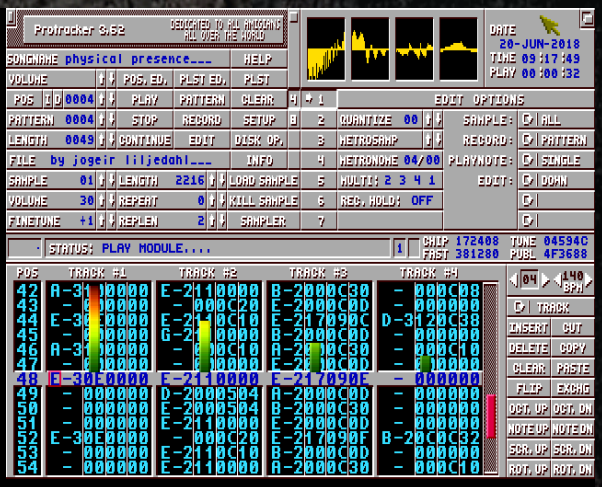
Protracker Music Sampler Sequencer Software.

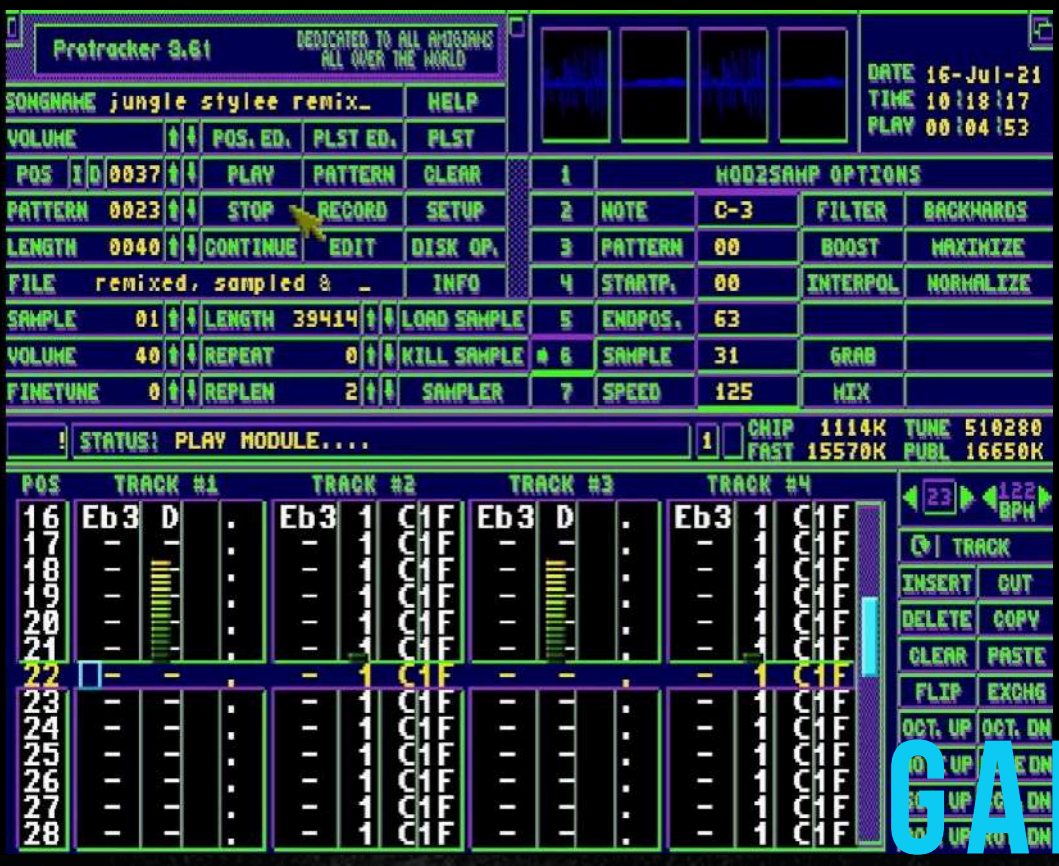


Protracker allows the user to create sequences of notes called "patterns", which are chained together to form a complete song.

Music created in Protracker uses the MOD file format.

Protracker was initially developed for the Amiga line of computers, but was later made available for other platforms such as the Atari ST.

Protracker was free software tool that required no additional equipment, it became popular in the early 1990s with both amateurs and professionals, allowing for sample-based music in the MOD file format.



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The Protracker was a descendant of the Soundtracker

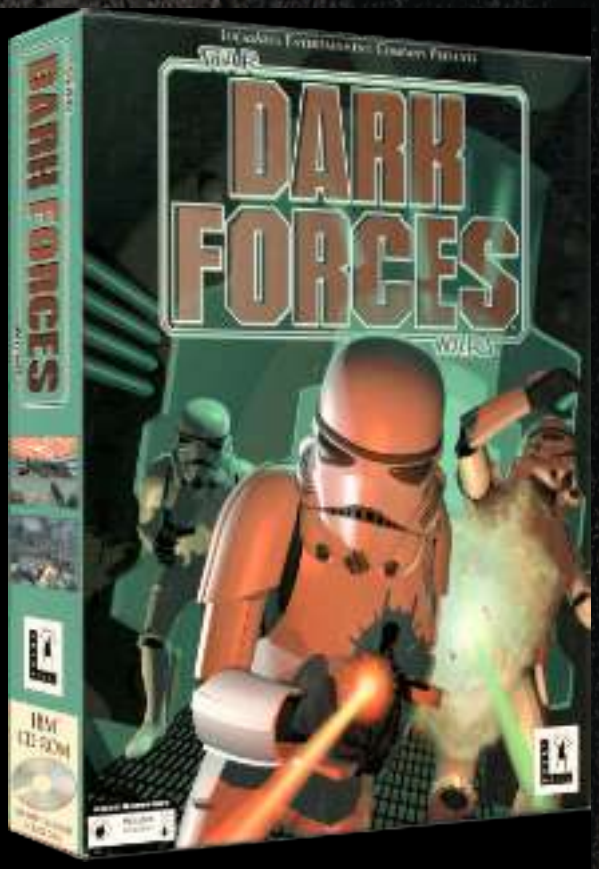
Building upon the features of previous trackers such as Ultimate Soundtracker and NoiseTracker of which Protracker's code is based on.

Protracker came equipped with a built-in sample editor and a keyboard split function to assign multiple instruments to different regions of the keyboard.

Later versions also extended the MOD format by increasing the maximum number of patterns from 64 to 99, and adding a number of additional effects.

Protracker was an essential piece of music Software for Amiga and Atari Range of Computers and is still loved and used by Amateurs and professionals alike.

Star Wars: Dark Forces is a first-person shooter video game developed and published by LucasArts.

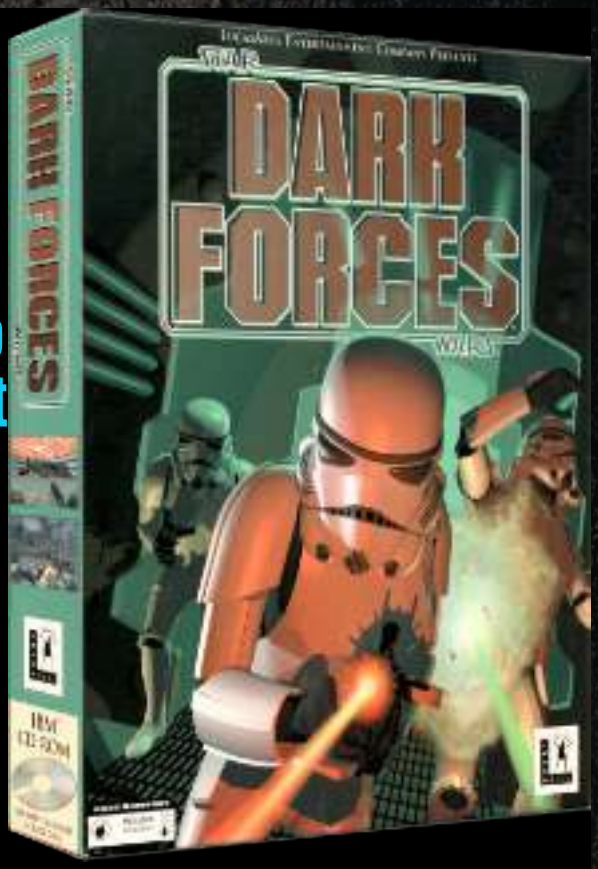


It was released in 1995 for MS-DOS and Macintosh, and in 1996 for the PlayStation.

The story is set in the fictional Star Wars expanded universe and begins shortly before the original Star Wars film, before flashing forward to a year after the film's events.

The game's protagonist and playable character is Kyle Katarn, a mercenary working on behalf of the Rebel Alliance who discovers the Galactic Empire's secret Dark Trooper Project, which involves the development of a series of powerful new battle droids and power-armored storm-troopers.

Dark Forces uses the Jedi game engine, which was developed specifically for the game.



The engine adds gameplay features that were uncommon to the first-person shooter genre at the time of release, including level designs with multiple floors, and the ability to look up and down.

Dark Forces received generally favorable reviews praised its level design and technological advances.

PlayStation version was criticized for having poor graphics and slow frame rates which make it much less enjoyable than the computer versions.

STAR WARS DARK FORCES

The Black Hole, 1979.

American science fiction film by Walt Disney Productions.

The film stars Maximilian Schell, Robert Forster, Joseph Bottoms, Yvette Mimieux, Anthony Perkins and Ernest Borgnine.

In the early 1970s, the film was initially conceived as a space-themed disaster film.

However, the script went through numerous iterations from various screenwriters.

Disney's effects department used computerized camera technology to create the visual effects.

It was the first film from Walt Disney Productions to receive a PG rating.

The film received mixed reviews.

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Turok: Dinosaur Hunter is a first-person shooter video game developed by Iguana Entertainment and published by Acclaim for the Nintendo 64 console and Microsoft Windows.

It was released in 1997 in North America and Europe. Turok is an adaptation of the Valiant Comics comic book series of the same name.

The player controls Turok, a Native American warrior, who must stop the evil Campaigner from conquering the universe with an ancient and powerful weapon.

Turok was Acclaim's first title for the Nintendo 64, Turok was part of a strategy to develop games internally and license merchandise.

Acclaim acquired the rights to Turok when it purchased Valiant Comics in 1994, renaming it Acclaim Comics. Suffering from cash flow problems and falling sales, Acclaim came to rely on Turok as its best hope for a financial turnaround.

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Turok was a critical and commercial success, earning rave reviews from video game magazines and becoming one most popular titles for the Nintendo 64.

Turok won praise for its graphics and evolution of the genre.

Complaints centered on graphical slowdowns caused by multiple enemies appearing onscreen and occasionally awkward controls.

The game sold 1.5 million copies and boosted sales of the Nintendo 64. Turok spawned a video game franchise.

Turok was one of the best games on the N64 and is considered a classic by most gamers.

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DOOM